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BIRTHS.

At Hankow, on the 1st January, 1890, the wife of W. HOWELL, of a son.

At the Central Hotel, Shanghai, on the 3rd instant, the wife of J. WILSON, New Dock, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At the Cathedral, Shanghai, on New Year's Day, ALICE MAUDE SARTAIN to WILLIAM HENRY FREEMAN, both of London.

On the 4th instant, at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, Shanghai, and afterwards at the residence of the Rev. S. Dyer, FREDERICK WILLIAM RAWSTHORN, to MARY (MAV) KILKEN.

DEATH.

At 36, Kiangse Road, Road, Shanghai, on the 6th January, 1890, JOHN GEORGE THIRKELL, aged 37 years.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1890.

TELEGRAMS.

PORTUGAL AND ENGLAND.

LONDON, January 10th.

The Portuguese Minister for Marine and Colonies disputes the statement that England presents difficulties, and says it is not necessary to ask for an extraordinary credit as he has hopes of a peaceful settlement.

THE EPIDEMIC.

The Aldershot barracks rooms have been converted into hospitals, as influenza is spreading alarmingly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ACCORDING to a paper read at a congress at Strasburg, 32 per cent of railway passengers in Prussia travel fourth class, 21 per cent third class, 20.5 second and only 8.9 first.

THE agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" Line steamer *Benlawers*, from Leith and London, left Singapore for Hongkong and Japan this morning.

THE greatest beer-drinkers are those of Munich. They drink 492 litres per head per year, against Vienna's 296, London's 254, Berlin's 240 and Paris' 22. This costs the Munich inhabitants on an average \$30 a head annually.

TO-MORROW morning between 9 and 10.30 o'clock the steam-launch carrying the Bethel flag, will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Seamen's Church, returning about 12.30.

CREMATION is coming more and more into vogue in Germany, in spite of the expense and certain legal difficulties which render its performance in some parts almost an impossibility. At Gotha no fewer than 100 bodies have been cremated during the present year.

THE *N. C. Daily News* says that the price at which the *Kuling* has been sold to the Inspector-General of Customs is £18,000, and no conditions have been made as to the Upper Yangtze. Company's giving up its attempt to reach Chungking or otherwise.

THE Shanghai Racquet Club has wound up, the Court having been sold to a Chinaman for Tls. 20,000. At a final meeting of the shareholders on the 7th inst. they voted \$300 as a "cushaw" to the servants, and divided the loot as follows:—\$ Tls. 120, value of each share; Tls. 277 as a final dividend.

THERE are at present not less than forty-five European steamers trading monthly to the Argentine Republic. Twelve are English, two German, nine Belgian, twelve French and Portuguese, six Spanish and four Italian. As against this formidable array of steamers carrying the flags of seven European nations, there is not a single steamer carrying into Argentine waters the flag of the United States!

THE Band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7 o'clock:—

March, "Nannie will thou gang wi' me." Waken Lancers. "Faust up to date." Lute. "A Summer Night in Munich." Cellier. "See me dance." Williams. "Olympia." Williams. "Always Jolly." Zikoff.

THE case of the "baby farmer" and her antagonist, the mothers and vendor of the one-month old infant, mentioned in last night's issue, were treated in a manner rather the reverse of what we expected this morning, at the Police Court. Mr. Robinson, who tried the case, dealt with the matter merely as one of "creating a disturbance," dismissed the "farmer" with a caution, and bound the mother of the infant over in her own recognizances in the sum of \$50 to be of good behavior for six months! Now what became of the infant?

LOVE is an excuse for a woman to tell you all her troubles. The greatest of all poetry is a girl's first love letter. Landladies are famous gossips; they pay great attention to roomers. It is considered a pretty serious charge to bring against a woman to say that she means all she says. "Poor woman; if her husband sneezes he wakens the baby, and if the baby cries it wakens him. A sulky girl may sometimes be cured by taking her in a dog-cart with a seat just wide enough for two. An old maid said she wished she was an auctioneer, for then it would be perfectly proper to say "Make me an offer."

LATEST advices from Japan state that the long-awaited change of Cabinet Ministers has at last taken place, and Count Yamagata is now Minister President of State. Both Count Okuma and Count Inoue have been honoured by His Imperial Majesty, as Counts Ito and Kuroda were upon their retiring from the Government, with the rank of Cabinet Ministers. The former was in addition gazetted a Privy Councillor, and the latter to a special court position (*yakonomashiki*), the occupants of which, prior to the present appointment, have been exclusively members of the old nobility.

Sir Edward Watkin has, on behalf of the Metropolitan Railway Company, offered the manager of the Water Railway a piece of ground near London on which to lay down a line two miles in length, says the *London Spectator*. We shall, therefore, soon have an opportunity to try what, if the accounts are true, must be the very poetry of motion. The carriages run on skates or slides, but between the slide and the rail is forced a film of water, which prevents all jolting, bumping and shaking, and, in fact, makes the carriages skim along as a boat does on the sea. Then, too, the pace is 100 miles an hour. If the new railway is really practicable for long distances, all England will be a suburb of London, and Surrey will be saved from becoming a chessboard, covered with what the auctioneers call "villa residences standing in their own three acres and a half of park-like grounds." A hundred miles an hour would make Bath as accessible as Brighton is now, while Manchester could be reached in an hour and fifty minutes.

THE population of Berlin has increased wonderfully during the past ten years. It now exceeds a million and a half.

THE Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Hector*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for Hongkong this morning, and is due on the 18th inst.

DR. DOBRICK will have his little joke. In his weather report to-day the facetious star-gazer remarks that "cloudy, cold, and dry weather prevails." The dryness was so unbearable on this side of the line that the cricketers were swamped off the ground, that is all.

WE learn with regret of the death of Mr. J. G. Thirkell, proprietor and editor of the *Shanghai Courier*, which occurred on the 6th inst., after a long and painful illness. He had been connected with the press of North China for thirteen years, and was a thorough journalist and a good Mason. He leaves a widow and two young children.

VACCINATION is compulsory in England and optional in France. In the large cities of France the number of deaths from small-pox was 1,965, or 31 per 1,000 of the living population. In the large cities of England during the same period the number of deaths was 332, or 0.4 per 1,000. Does not this, asks the *Hospital*, say something for vaccination?

THE practice on the Shanghai Football Club ground on the 4th inst. was not quite a success, as after half an hour's play, under Association rules, between the captains by Matthews and Harvie, the ball collapsed, and there not being another of the same kind at hand the teams wound up with an eccentric kind of Rugby game, which, if not scientific, had the merit of affording good exercise.

THE *Deutsche Harassung* gives this table of costs of the European armies:—

Countries.	Payment per head of population for national defence—shillings.	Percentage of revenue expended on national defence—shillings.
1. Prussia	9.10	12.40
2. Austria	7.96	12.11
3. Italy	10.73	15.78
4. France	16.66	17.00
5. Great Britain	16.92	19.27
6. Russia	8.54	25.44

The mightiest of the six great powers, from a military point of view, pays the least for defences.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* learns that there has been a serious popular outbreak in the Yuen-wo district, near Soochow. It appears that the District Magistrate lately endeavored to collect from the country people, taxes which had been remitted by Imperial decree in consequence of the scanty harvest. The action of the Magistrate greatly incensed the people, who attacked his vanguard, dragged him out, and administered to him a sound drubbing. They afterwards took him away to hold him for further vengeance, but he was rescued from the infuriated people by his yamen-runners.

"If ever you use lemons," remarked one housewife to a lady friend, "and have a portion of one left over, be sure you do not throw it away." "I am never without them in the house, as I always use them for flavouring. But of what use are the pieces?" "Just this. The next time you think you have done with a lemon just dip it in salt and rub your copper kettle or steppan with it. You will be surprised to find what a brilliant surface you will obtain if you rub the article instantly with a dry, soft cloth. You can polish all brass-work by the same means, every stain disappearing as if by magic. A mouldy lemon put into a dirty saucepan full of water and boiled for half an hour cleanses the utensils amazingly, and removes any odour such as fish or onions. Try it and see if I am not right."

POLICE SHOOTING MATCH.

The return shooting match between teams representing the Inspectors and Sergeants, and the Constables of the Hongkong Police Force, took place yesterday afternoon. The conditions were fairly favorable, but either the wind or the whiskey was too strong, for neither side made anything special in the way of scoring, the Constables being extremely off-color. The winning team total, at 200, 300 and 500 yards was 790, or an average of 74 out of a possible 105, whilst their opponents totalled only 836, or an average of 69. Yet, on the 30th November, the Volunteers, at 200, 400 and 500 yards, averaged 81.8, and the Garrison Shooting Club, 79.75, under less favorable conditions. The scores of the guardians of the peace were as follows:—

INSPECTORS AND SERGEANTS.	200 yards.	300 yards.	500 yards.	Total.
Inspr. Quincey	82	84	85	251
Aspr. Insp. Bull	82	84	87	253
Serg. Gillies	82	85	87	254
McVicar	82	85	87	254
Evans	82	85	87	254
Kepp	82	85	87	254
Deane	82	85	87	254
Hannah	82	85	87	254
Harman	82	85	87	254
McVicar	82	85	87	254
Roberts	82	85	87	254
Edmondson	82	85	87	254
Total	997	1014	1059	3070

CONSTABLES.	200 yards.	300 yards.	500 yards.	Total.
P.C. McLennan	82	84	87	253
Walton	82	84	87	253
Camp	82	84	87	253
Crab	82	84	87	253
Young	82	84	87	253
McDonald	82	84	87	253
McLeod	82	84	87	253
Wilbert	82	84	87	253
Chisholm	82	84	87	253
Watt	82	84	87	253
Baker	82	84	87	253
Total	997	1014	1059	3070

Doctors say drinking too much coffee makes bad heads. Telling the female head of the house that her coffee is "nothing but slops" will also do it.

THE DIOCESAN HOME.

The annual distribution of prizes at the Diocesan Home took place at noon to-day. The Hon. A. P. MacEwen presided, and among those present were Bishop Burdon, Revs. Dr. Chalmers, W. Jennings, G. H. Bondfield, Pastor Hartmann, Messrs. E. Sharp, O. Brandt, and a number of ladies.

Mr. Piercy, the head-master, read his report, which was as follows:—

The year has been a very successful and prosperous one. With the exception of some cases of fever, the health of the Institution has been good; both the second and third masters, however, have been so ill that they had to enter the Civil Hospital, and the latter has since left the Colony. The school-roll, including 20 girls, numbered 143, being an increase of 18. The fees collected amounted to \$7,651.84, an advance of nearly 21 per cent. The sum for school materials sold has more than doubled, being \$126.8. The average attendance on the 240 days on which school was taught has risen from 68.83 to 88.64. Sixty-three scholars had the minimum Government requirement (200 days); one was away in the country on the Inspector's visit; one is of deficient intellect; six had passed the highest standard one, two three or four years previously, and so, being ineligible for Grant-in-Aid purposes, prepare for University Local Examinations. The remaining 55 (last year 50) were examined by H. M.'s Inspector, and 53 passed, or 94.5 per cent. (last year 90 per cent). Three Chinese boys failed, but in only one subject each, viz. first standard, failed in Dictation, mistaking "coil" for "coln," and other similar words, and fifth standard, one failed in English Composition; in these standards, and in the sixth, for some inscrutable reason no failure is allowed. In Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, and English History 100 per cent. passed, in Dictation 92.5, in Composition 91. In each of these Special Subjects 22 boys were examined, Physical Geography 81.8 per cent. passed, Animal Physiology 59.9, Euclid or Algebra 86, Dr. Eitel, adds in school has once more specially distinguished itself by uniformly good papers in Standards V and VI in Physical Geography and especially in Physiology. This is due to the careful teaching of the second Master (Mr. MacEwen). The Government grant earned is \$321.14, being an increase of 30 per cent. Considering that in this school (and even to a greater extent in Victoria College) the great majority of the scholars seldom use English at home, so that the difficulties of acquiring a foreign language, such as correct enunciation, idiom, and spelling, are encountered, and surmounted by nearly the whole school, what the Chinese method of learning by rote pages of their own books before thinking of trying to understand a line, and many girls are very young for their standards (two in the fifth are only eleven) and that some school-hours are devoted to the study of Chinese books, I think we may take these results as satisfactory. In December 1888 four boys entered for the Cambridge Local Examination, and all passed. After a year's delay their certificates have come to hand. One boy, F. Southey, attained to III. Class Honours (the first Hongkong candidate so marked). In July last two boys entered for the Oxford and both passed: one in the Junior Examination, the other in the Senior, thereby winning the title of A.A. (Associate in Arts). He was specially distinguished in English, viz. Grammar and Analysis, Geography, Shakespeare, and English History. The whole school was examined in Scripture by the Colonial Chaplain, the Rev. W. Jennings, M.A., who wrote "I was very pleased with many of the Scripture papers other than those I have marked for prizes, but the composition and spelling are not good." Our best thanks are due to Col. Chater for tickets for the Grand Assault-Arms in the City Hall; to the Hon. A. P. MacEwen, Hon. J. J. Keewick, Messrs. Bellio, Gillies, J. D. Humphreys, E. Sharp, Sin Tak-fan, Ho Tung, Ho Fook, J. Edwards, and an Anonymous Friend for liberally providing these prizes; and to Messrs. Powell & Co. for kindly sending at different times cricket bats, balls, and toys for prizes at our Aquatic Sports in September and at our monthly Athletic Sports; as physical education is now considered as well as mental and moral.

Mr. MacEwen then distributed the prizes as under:—

Form VI, Seniors (1) F. Southey, 'Macaulay's History'; (2) Chew Fan-lin, 'Self Help'.

Form VI, Juniors (1) R. Lapsley, 'Boys' Own Annual'; (2) F. H. Benning, 'Boys' of '61'.

Form V, (1) Wong Fung-lam, 'Captain Cook's Voyages'; (2) J. Goodridge, 'Cricket bat and ball'.

Form IV, (1) L. J. Malcampo, 'Australian Pictures'; (2) A. Simoes, 'Robinson Crusoe'.

Form III, (1) Wong Mau-lin, 'Every Boy's Annual'; (2) Wong Wan-on, 'Arabian Nights'.

Form II, (1) Elizabeth Scudder, 'Atlantis'; (2) W. Leung, 'Chatterbox'.

Form I, (1) Kong Ying-pui, 'Illustrated Dictionary'; (2) Catherine Logan, 'Bible Pictures'.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Euclyd.

Form VI, R. Lapsley, 'Shakespeare'.

Form V, F. Lapsley, 'Robin Hood'.

Form IV, H. Goodridge, 'Mathematical Instruments'.

Algebra.

Form VI, Chew Fan-lin, 'Electricity'.

Form V, Wong Fung-lam, 'Self Help'.

Form IV, Lau Ping-ki, 'Webster's Dictionary'.

Physiology.

Form VI, W. Toller, 'Innocents Abroad'.

Form V, J. Goodridge, 'Silver Watch'.

Form IV, A. Simoes, 'Black Trooper'.

Physical Geography.

Form VI, H. W. Lapsley, 'Silver Watch'.

V. W. Wanderleach, 'Cricket bat and ball'.

Form IV, H. Goodridge, 'Drake and the Dons'.

Literature and Shakespeare—H. W. Lapsley, 'Shakespeare'.

Music—J. Toppin, 'Ingoldsby Legends'.

Needlework—Jessie Edwards, 'Little White Awake'.

Good Conduct—Lo Kwai-kun (Boarder), 'Warrior Kings'—Mary Howard (Day Scholar), 'My Own Picture Book'.

VI Standard Certificates: F. H. Benning, T. Hunter.

SCRIPTURE PRIZES AWARDED BY THE REV. W. JENNINGS.

Form VI, (1) F. Southey, 'Scott's Poems'; (2) F. H. Benning, 'Ernest Hepburns'.

Form V, (1) V. Bona, 'Modern Wonders'; (2) Hung So, 'City Arab'.

Form IV, (1) M. Andrews, 'Crown of Flowers'; (2) H. Diercks, 'Race for Life'.

Form III, (1) Wong Mau-lin, 'Bible Stories'; (2) F. Simon, 'Children's Friends'.

Form II, (1) Elizabeth Scudder, 'Bible Tales'; (2) F. Harman, 'Talkative Friends'.

Form I, (1) G. Benning, 'Little Learners'; (2) Chan Kwok-tin, 'Lords of the Forest'.

UNIVERSITY LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

Oxford, Senior, F. Southey, Vice-Chancellor's Certificate; Writing Case, presented by Hon. A. P. MacEwen.

Oxford, Junior, Chew Tan-lin.

Cambridge, Juniors, F. Southey, J. Toppin, H. W. Lapsley, F. Diercks.

He then addressed those present as follows:—I think that the report which you have just heard read is in every way most satisfactory, and I am sure it will give great pleasure to the friends of this in every way deserving institution in this Colony to see such very successful results at the recent examination, more particularly when you come to take into account that two of the masters have been incapacitated by illness during the past term, and therefore the great bulk of the work and responsibility of the management has fallen on the shoulders of Mr. and Mrs. Piercy. This institution, like many others that are dependent to a certain extent on charity, is in want of money for a purpose which I have been asked by the Committee to give you some particulars of. I hope that some practical efforts will be made to increase this building—the object for which funds are required. The facts presented to the Committee are as follows:—

"The applications for the admission of boarders last summer being more than we could receive, the Committee in October rented a neighbouring house No. 5, Bonham Road. Seven boys sleep there under the care of a Master, but are here all day for instruction and meals. The division of the establishment is both very inconvenient and costly, although our landlord, Mr. Bellio, has acted generously as regards repairs, alterations, and water-supply for such a temporary tenancy. An architect has kindly drawn plans for the much-needed large school-rooms and additional dormitories, at an estimated cost of \$8000. Although the Government would, under the Grant-in-Aid Scheme, probably provided half of this, the Committee are unable to begin building for want of the other \$4000. This school was opened as a charitable institution in January 1879, and while receiving boys and girls whose parents can and do pay the full fees, the charitable principle has ever been kept in view, and I may say that for many years no real case of need has been refused admission, although great care has to be exercised to ascertain that each case is one of genuine necessity. When friends can pay a part of the cost they are expected to do so; when the child is utterly destitute he is received free. While the sum received in subscriptions has remained about the same, the deficiency being borne by the fees. It is most desirable that the Institution should be placed on a self-supporting basis, but to do this without diminishing the charitable work, it will be necessary to have a larger building, thereby saving the rent (\$50 a month) of the other house, and providing additional school-rooms, dining-room, lavatories &c., which have long been most urgently needed. We have land and the scholars, and only need the funds wherewith to build."

I believe that at this time last year, when General Cameron presided, he made a suggestion that a fund should be started, to be called the "Diocesan Home Building Fund," which would be altogether separate from the ordinary subscription fund to which people are asked to give every year. Now we know that in a Colony like this it is no use suggesting things unless you are prepared to give them practical working effect, and I am happy to say that during the few hours I have had since receiving this report

eighty thousand dollars. Quite a number are in liquidation, so by the end of the year, which is now close at hand, very disastrous accounts will be reported.

We learn that a few country teamsters are consulting as to the best means of establishing a tea warehouse at Fochow, in order to enable them to sell tea direct to foreigners. We sincerely hope they will succeed as a change from the present system is much needed, but we fear the Cantonese have too firm a hold on the trade.

We are very glad indeed to observe that the price of rice has been greatly lowered since our last issue, and it can now be bought at fully seventy cents cheaper per picul. Large shipments from different ports in the north and south have arrived, and the authorities also sent orders for a considerable amount which is hourly expected. The poorer classes will undoubtedly be greatly relieved.

From a reliable source we learn that the opium dealers at Shanghai, who generally buy yearly some five to six hundred chests of opium from the foreign hongs, have entirely ceased doing so lately on account of the cost being too high to compete with the native article. We have been further informed that a Canton man at that place has just concluded an arrangement with the authorities to farm the duty on all native drug at an astonishingly low price of 180 taels per annum. This is certainly a much worse case than the struggle between China and Indian tea, and we have been assured positively that the import of opium this year will show a decrease of as much as two thousand chests of all qualities at this price. The native-grown opium is not equally taxed, or at least to the extent of half of what Indian opium has to bear. The Chinese Government will certainly be driven out of China, which seems very likely to be the case. In our opinion nothing will prevent this happening as the natives have now become accustomed to smoke their own opium, on account of its cheapness.—*Echo*.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dec. 27th, 1889.

The *s.s. Pehili* left the Bar on Monday afternoon without being able to take export cargo on board, the tide being too low to admit of lighters passing over the Bar. Shippers have been notified that their cargo will remain at Taku during the winter ready to be shipped per first steamer in the spring.

The *s.s. Peiping* left Taku on Tuesday last, being the last steamer of the season. The river is frozen across at Taku, and there is ice at sea as far as the eye can reach.

We are glad to hear the Harbour Work at Port Arthur is so nearly finished. On this the Chinese Government and the French Contractors are to be equally congratulated, and the Engineers have the highest credit, especially Mr. Giffen himself.—*Mercury*.

GLASGOW'S WEALTH AND SIZE.

SHIP-BUILDING BY THE CLYDE—THE GREAT FORTH RAILROAD BRIDGE—MORE DARING SCHEMES TO COME.

Glasgow, says the correspondent of the *Ballimore Sun*, is the largest city of Scotland, and claims to be the second in the British Empire. It has 80,000 people, including the suburbs; it is ten miles in length; five miles in width, and has over one hundred and forty miles of streets. Two hundred years ago Glasgow was a pleasant town of four streets, and ten vessels were owned here. The city has the advantage of being modern for its growth, and really the work of the past century, and it is remarkable alike for wide streets, handsome buildings, and for the business capacities, and perseverance of its intelligent population, who have accumulated great wealth.

CLYDE SHIP-BUILDING.

During the month of September there were 24 vessels of 10,053 tons, or an average of nearly one vessel for each working day. During the past nine months the output comprised 150 vessels of 335,888 tons. The new shipbuilding place in the water in the past month consisted of the composite gunboat *Sparrow* for the British Navy, 16 steamers, measuring 28,428 tons, and 7 sailing vessels of 11,930 tons. The construction of steel sailing ships was, as the figures show, a considerable item in the Clyde ship-building for September. They measured from 1,500 to 4,500 tons each.

THE FORTH RAILROAD BRIDGE.

The great Forth bridge, which is the most stupendous structure of the kind yet undertaken is just completed. It is a new addition to the wonders of the world. It has the longest span of any bridge on the globe. It is the most ponderous, and probably it is safe to say, the strongest. In its whole aspect it is unprecedented, and to the lay mind, at all events, it is astounding. It soars skyward until all neighboring natural heights are dwarfed, and it stretches out its long arms till one imagines the end will never come. People from all over the United Kingdom, engineers and mechanical men from the continent, tourists from all parts of the world, have come to view the structure. The whole viaduct, exclusive of a few lower stone arches at either end, consists of three portions, the south approach viaduct, the cantilever bridge and the north approach viaduct. The total length from bank to bank is 8,900 feet, or fully 1½ miles. Including the masonry arches above mentioned, which are situated on the sloping banks of the Forth, the length is 8,200 feet. The south viaduct rests on ten great masonry piers of grey granite. These piers carry a ponderous steel lattice girder bridge, the stretch from pier to pier being 160 feet. The rail level is 150 feet above high water, and this is just the height suitable for the elevation of the land to the north and south, on which the approach railways to the bridge are laid. While this level is 150 feet above high water, the summits of the towers are raised 360 feet in the air. This is the same height as the cross on the summit of St. Paul's Cathedral, and only 89 feet less than the height of the Great Pyramid. Let it be remembered that each of the three piers contains four columns, or twelve in all, and that it will be seen that the building even of these great steel tubes, twelve feet in diameter, was no mean task. The cost of this great railroad bridge will be about £10,000,000.

OTHER BRIDGES—GRATER WONDERS TO COME. The Glasgow Herald wonders: Soon after the 11th of November of steel it became obvious to Sir John Fowler and William Baker that it could be adapted to the cantilever system of construction for railway bridges. In 1865 they designed a steel cantilever bridge of 1,000 feet span for the proposed viaduct across the Severn, near the site of the present tunnel. But it was not until 1881 that the Forth Bridge designs were published in the English and American technical journals. Invariably the daring scheme revealed by their designs attracted much attention from all competent

people. Engineers in America, with the alacrity of their nation, realized at once the advantages of the system, and they designed a built in the following year a steel cantilever bridge on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and they have since followed that up with more than half a dozen other bridges of the same type. This is a true test of success. In all the cases the contractors for these bridges have been well satisfied with the economy and speed of the operations, and with the stability of the structure. One of the most interesting is a cantilever bridge of steel and iron over the Niagara river, a short distance below the great falls. There are two cantilevers founded on either bank, and the span is 470 feet. As the piers do not extend above the rail level, the tension principle is not so plainly developed as in the Forth Bridge, and the land-ends of the cantilevers have each to be held down by an anchorage pier of masonry, weighing over 800 tons. In the Forth Bridge, though the size and weight are so much greater, the weights being 3,000 as against 1,000 tons, the anchorages are only 1,000 tons. This Niagara viaduct was completed in 1884. Further advance in the way of cantilever bridges has by no means been stayed. Though at present the Forth Bridge stands at the top of the list of such structures, it may soon be displaced. The Americans, as usual, want to be at the head of everything in the universe. Last year a charter was granted for a bridge with a span of 2,800 feet at New York, and Mr. Lindenthal, the engineer, has applied for the assistance of Mr. Baker in the matter.

A 70-SPAN BRIDGE PROPOSED FOR THE BRITISH CHANNEL.

The cantilever-bridge idea has risen up as an opponent, or at any rate as a theoretical opponent, to the notorious channel tunnel scheme. Quite recently the firms of Messrs. Schneider & Co., and M. Hirsent, the latter the original contractor for the Suez Canal and for the early part of the Panama Canal, submitted to Mr. Baker for discussion their preliminary designs. These, as exhibited at the Paris Exhibition, show a bridge having seventy cantilever spans similar to those of the Forth Bridge. The length would be twenty-four miles, the weight over a million tons, and the cost about £31,000,000. The project, as an engineering possibility, was seriously discussed by the Iron and Steel Institute at its Paris meeting on 25th September. In Sir John Fowler and Mr. Baker's opinion the works at the Forth Bridge, and a recent deep foundation at Sydney, have placed beyond doubt the practicability of a cantilever bridge, but the enormous cost, precludes the question from being other than one of scientific interest.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, for *Rickets*, *Marasmus* and all wasting disorders of children; is very remarkable in its results. The rapidity with which children gain flesh and strength upon it is very wonderful. Read the following: "I have tried Scott's Emulsion in cases of wasting in young children, and I am of opinion that it is a valuable preparation for such cases. The children take it and ask for more, and the good effects are apparent. I consider it far superior to ordinary Cod Liver Oil."—J. MARSHALL, M.R.C.S. &c., 143, Grafton Road, Farnborough, S.E. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Ltd.), agents in Hongkong and China.—*Advt.*

Today's Advertisements.

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND for the half year ending 30th September has been declared at the rate of 6% per annum. Coupons attached to Gold Share warrants may be cashed and dividends on Silver Share warrants issued locally will be paid on and after 15th January at the Hongkong Branch Office.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1890. [118]

NOTICE.

THE Partnership between HOLMES and PRYNE, Solicitors, is dissolved by mutual consent as from the 1st instant, and the business will be carried on by the undersigned.

HENRY J. HOLMES, Solicitor.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1890. [119]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF ENGLISH-MADE GOODS, WEARING APPAREL, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 14th January, 1890, commencing at Noon, at his Sale-Rooms, Duddell Street, WITHOUT RESERVE.

For account of whom it may concern, A large quantity of English-made GOODS, comprising:—Ready-made CLOTHING such as SUITS, PANTS, OVERCOATS, JACKETS, &c.; FLANNEL UNDERSHIRTS, FANCY WOOL SHIRTS, SINGLES, HOSIERY, WHITE SHIRTS, COLORED COTTON SHIRTS, TURKISH TOWELS, FELT HATS, BOOTS, &c.

Also, TWEEDS, TWILLS, DIAGONALS, FLANNELS, TARTANS, WINCEYS, SATINETTES, &c., &c.

A quantity of LADY'S WEARING APPAREL, CORSETS, SILK GLOVES, PARASOLS, BOOTS and SHOES. A variety of other GOODS.

A large quantity of TOYS, &c., &c.

TERMS AS USUAL—Cash on delivery.

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HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and Electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1890. [123]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after February the First next, the FEES (payable monthly) at VICTORIA COLLEGE will be as under:

Class I.....\$36 per annum.
Classes II. and III.....24 "
Other Classes.....12 "
By Command, A. LISTER, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th January, 1890. [122]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO," Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 14th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARLICK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1890. [117]

TO LET.

HOUS'S No. 1 & 2, Cameron Villas, Peak.

One spacious Five Roomed HOUSE at M. on Kellott, Peak. Gas laid on. ROCKYDA—GAP. The Peak.

THE OFFICE now occupied by the Borneo Company, Limited.

THE BUNGALOW "Jelmara," on Kowloon Farm Lot 1, Yow-ma-ti, with large Garden and Tennis Ground.

Apply to BELILIOS & Co.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1890. [121]

Amusements

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

XMAS PANTOMIME.

ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES.

BY special request there will be A PERFORMANCE OF THE ABOVE PANTOMIME ON THURSDAY EVENING, the 23rd January, 1890, at 9 p.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Reserved Seats.....\$1 Unreserved Seats.....\$1

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD'S on and after Wednesday, the 15th January.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1889. [111]

Entertainments.

WANTED—A FURNISHED HOUSE for a few weeks—not at the Peak.

Apply to HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1890. [112]

NOTICE.

A MEETING will be held in the CITY HALL, at 4.30 P.M., on THURSDAY next, the 16th inst., to decide what steps should be taken to perpetuate the Memory of the late lamented Hon. FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D., Colonial Secretary.

Any gentleman wishing to subscribe will communicate with the undersigned.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1890. [115]

Entertainments.

WILL SHORTLY BE READY.

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January 2nd, 1890.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

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GREAT CLEARANCE SALE,

ON MONDAY NEXT, IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1890.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

FROM this date our price for the Undermentioned PATENT MEDICINES and PROPRIETARY ARTICLES will be as follows, viz:—

Allcock's Corn Plasters.....\$0.40
Pain Expeller.....\$0.40
Beecham's Pills.....\$0.40
Belloc's Charcoal Powder.....\$0.75
Benger's Liqueur Pancreaticus.....\$1.00
Bishop's Citrate of Caffine.....\$0.50
Bragg's Charcoal Powder.....\$0.75
Brand's Essence of Chicken.....\$0.50
Brow's Injection.....\$1.00
Brow's Bristle Tissues.....\$0.45
Bunter's Nerveine.....\$0.40
Brillantine—Truefit's.....\$1.25
Bureau, Wellcome & Co.'s Dialysed Iron.....\$1.00
Ditto Hardline.....\$0.60
Chlorodyne—Collis Browne's.....\$0.40
Cholagogue—"Osgood's Indian" (or "fever").....\$1.00
Clarke's Blood Mixture.....\$0.45
Cockle's Pills.....\$0.40
Condry's Fluid.....\$0.40
Cuticura Soap (per Box).....\$1.00
Perry Davis' Pain Killer.....\$0.45
Dinnerford's Fluid Magnesia.....\$0.45
Dr. Barry's Revalenta.....\$0.75
Elliott's Royal Emulsion.....\$0.95
Eon's Fruit Salt.....\$0.95
Glover's Corn Plaster.....\$0.35
Goldard's Plate Powder.....\$0.40
Grillon's Tamar Indian.....\$0.75
Grimault's Cigarettes.....\$0.75
Guyot's Tar Solution.....\$0.75
Pills.....\$0.75
Holloway's Pills.....\$1/4 o.c. 2/9
Ointment.....\$1/4 o.c. 2/9
Jayne's Sanative Pills.....\$0.45
Joy's Anti-Asthmatic Cigarettes.....\$0.90
Kay's Essence of Linseed.....\$0.45
Kraton's Linseed Powder.....\$0.45
King's Dandelion Pills.....\$0.45
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Ointment.....\$0.45
Pills.....\$0.45
Lampulla's Saline.....\$0.85
Laville's Gout Drops.....\$0.70
Laxative.....\$0.30
Mellin's Food for Infants.....\$0.60
Morrison's Pills.....\$0.45
Nadire's Dog Soap.....\$0.45
Neuraline.....\$0.45
Norton's Camomile Pills.....\$0.45
O.S. Tooth Blocks.....\$0.35
Pain Pectorale De Nafé d'Arabie.....\$0.45
Pond's Extract.....\$0.50
Powell's Balsam.....\$0.45
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Rowland's Macassar Oil.....\$1.20
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Scott's Liver Pills.....\$0.45
Selgel's Syrup.....\$0.90
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Steedman's Powders.....\$0.45
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Truefit's Brilliantine.....\$1.25
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Weyth's Dialysed Iron.....\$0.40
Ridge's Food for Infants.....\$0.45
Robinson's Patent Bivley and Groats.....\$0.40
Gulver's Colic Toilet Soap (per box).....\$0.40
" " Medical.....\$0.45
" " Household Bars.....\$0.45
Pears' Scented 1/2 Oval Soap Tablets.....\$0.35

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1889. [139]

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 20th instant, all UNPAID CALLS will be chargeable with INTEREST at the rate of 12% per annum, to be calculated from the 16th November, 1889, and the same will be payable at the Company's Office.

Shareholders who have already paid the Call, but have not sent in their Bank receipts, are requested to do so without delay, together with Scrip for endorsement.

CHAS. F. HARTON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1890. [108]

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS

WILL RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 8th instant.

THE teaching staff in the Boys' Department has been increased by the arrival of Mr. ARTHUR A. WATTS, C.M., of Cheltenham Training College.

Miss S. E. TAYLOR, C.M., has been engaged to Superintend the Girls' Department, which will, in future, be carried on in a separate building at 21, Elgin Street.

In addition to the ordinary English subjects there will be classes for French, Latin, Chinese, Drawing, and Singing on MONDAY and TUESDAY, from 9 to 11 A.M.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1890. [191]

NOTICE.

THOMAS KERR & CO.

ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS, AND CONTRACTORS.

YAU-MA-TI ENGINEERING WORKS.

Kowloon.

Hongkong, 6th Jan. 1890. [106]

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

(Aberdeen Street and Hollywood Road).

HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir G. WILLIAM DES VUEUX, K.C.M.G., will preside at the DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES in the above Government Institution on MONDAY, the 13th January, at 11 A.M.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1890. [113]

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice Dr. A. GILLMORE SMITH will take charge of the DENTAL PRACTICE of the undersigned.

Des WINN & KIMBALL.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1890. [114]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, the 23rd January, 1890, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 23rd January, the 23rd January, 1890, both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1890. [100]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Second Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, the 23rd January, 1890, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 14th to THURSDAY, the 23rd January, 1890 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1890. [101]

NOTICE.

MR. GRIFFITH will shortly open his NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO on the premises, 2, DUDDELL STREET, (Between the New Oriental Bank and Mr. Lammer's Auction Rooms), entrance from Duddell Street or Ice House Street.

In addition to the general work of the Studio special attention will be given to developing, retouching, printing, and mounting Amateur's own work. The best materials only used and the lowest possible prices charged.

The Negatives taken in his Old Studio having been preserved, copies can be obtained.

D. K. GRIFFITH, Artist Photographer.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1890. [85]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned TSANG SAM, who resides at No. 111, Hospital Road, opposite the Kowloon Police Station, has traded under the name of TSANG YE-SING for over thirty years in this colony as a Contractor and House Builder. By the patronage and favor of the Surveyor-General, Architects and friends, the undersigned Tsang Sam has had his business always in a flourishing condition. This is known to everyone.

The Undersigned now, however, hears that another person bearing the same name of Tsang Sam has been adjudicated a bankrupt recently; but the shop of the said person is called "Tsangtung's Tsang Sam-kee," which was conducted at Staunton Street, and is in no way connected with the undersigned. Tsang Sam of the Tsang Ye-sing Shop, a fact which is now published to avoid any matter for doubt.

TSANG SAM of the Tsang Ye-sing Shop.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1890. [105]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND.....1,500,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

